

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A position locating instrument for accurately determining the location of a cutting plane includes a base connected to means capable of determining the position of the instrument. The base includes bent ~~Bent~~ blades **28 A** to **28 D** that are flexible enough not to prevent the insertion of plate **24** into opening **36** of a bone cutting guide. Bent blades **28 A** to **28 D** are however rigid enough to maintain ~~upper~~ lower surface **25** of plate **24** pressed against lower surface **38** of opening **36**, with the free ends of bent blades **28 A** to **28 D** bearing against upper surface **39** of the opening **36**. Bent blades **28 A** to **28 D** have a sufficient stiffness to provide a sufficient force to oppose ~~opposing to a~~ displacement of plate **24** that is inserted in opening **36** by pushing ~~tending to push away~~ lower surface **25** of plate **24** ~~from~~ onto lower surface **38** of opening **36**. Play between plate **24** and opening **36** are ~~then~~ suppressed. By determining the position of plate **24**, the position of the cutting plane is thus directly and accurately obtained.